

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK
Children, Family & Futures

EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

MINUTES

May 11, 2004

Department of Behavioral Health Resource Center
850 E. Foothill Blvd.
Rialto, CA

In Attendance:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Self-Introductions were made.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Approval of April Minutes

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

4. Guest Speaker: Kent Paxton, Network Officer – Children’s Network – Perinatal Leadership Team Activities – “Drug Babies”

Please see attached power point for presentation notes.

Questions and comments: Robert Hernandez mentioned that he was concerned about the monitoring and effectiveness of the group homes youth are housed in. Kent responded he was asked by Supervisor Hansberger to speak at a meeting in the community about Group Homes placements of children in the County. Ralph Ortiz from the Department of Behavioral Health will be speaking about the adult placements in the County. Kent mentioned that if perhaps there were earlier intervention programs like is being proposed through the Perinatal Leadership Team there would not be such a need for placements of children and adults.

A question asked: Is there enough treatment slots for those requesting treatment regardless if it is residential or extensive outpatient? It appears there are adequate residential slots and work is continuing to expand outpatient slots.

A question asked: Once children zero to five have been identified needing resource and referral what is the proper procedure to get treatment? Kent responded the Children’s SART (Screening Assessment Referral Treatment) team meets next week and are beginning to work on the “Plan to Plan”.

One more question asked: How will the ASQ:SE (Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social – Emotional) tool be implemented? Kent responded with his experience in this area of the last 23 years; there needs to be more therapists trained to work in the Child Development area. Kent mentioned he has communicated that specific need to the local universities.

5. Roundtable/Discussion

Announcement: Susan announced the auditorium is available for community meetings at no charge, please contact John Smith through the Department of Behavioral Health if you are interested in scheduling; pager (909) 535-4242.

Susan Melanson of Children’s Network:

- Offered brochures and master sets regarding the Safe Summer Campaign
- Feel free to add your logo to the materials
- Drowning have already been reported
- Susan asked the group to get the word out about the Safe Summer Campaign particularly the use of the Water Watcher Tag
- Mentioned using a buddy system while in the car to prevent leaving very young children in the car
- Children’s Network Annual Conference exhibitor applications are available
- Dr. Chasnoff will be the Keynote Speaker to present at the conference on the topic of Perinatal Substance Abuse
- Father Boyle from Los Angeles will also be speaking at the conference.

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino:

- They are revamping the Strategic Plan regarding the investment philosophy
- Provided a brochure on “What to do when a child is ill” to use as a reference guide
- Mentioned some freebies available to the public
- Inland Empire Nonprofit conference, May 19th
- Application for University Measurements due June 4th
- Mary asked for input from the group if anyone had recently attended the RFA (Request For Application) workshop conducted by First 5.
- Please be sure to review the funding opportunities for May.

Linda Charkins of the Department of Behavioral Health:

- Linda mentioned this was her first time at the meeting, as she is busy seeing families in the clinics.
- Children are provided with a full round of services

Venice Waggoner of County Preschool Services:

- Venice is a Generalist.
- Through County Preschool Services they offer the 3 to 5 year olds resources and referrals for health, mental health, and nutrition.

Marianne Vander Muelen of Mt. Baldy United Way:

- Provided information on the 211 hotline, Social Service and Information Referral Line
- If you believe your agency is not listed please contact her at (909) 980-1994

Veatrice Jews of IECAAC:

- May 15th “Get your house in order” conference
- Conference Brochure was made available

Tara Juniel-Fuller of Aspira Foster & Family Svcs.:

- May is National Foster Care month
- Provide camp where siblings are reunited for a week, brochures made available
- Need camp counselors, primarily males

Linda Pederson of St. Johns Community Services:

- Provide services to pregnant teens
- Free baby shower on May 22nd, noon at St. John’s

Robert Hernandez of **PTLC** (Positive Transitions Learning Center)

- They finally have a new place of business in San Bernardino on 1543 North 3rd Street.
- They operate an after school program and Computer Literacy Program for Adults
- Robert will be sharing through the e-mail system a flyer on his first Fund Raiser on June 12th.

Mark Foster of ABC Foster Care:

- ABC Foster Care Administration Office is in San Bernardino, but they have offices in other counties as well.
- They provide wrap around services with the family and social worker, similar to the Family-to-Family work done by the Department of Children's Services.
- Susan assured Mark there is still a need for FFA (Foster Family Agencies) like ABC Foster Care and those placements are very valuable to the children served by this county.

April Holliverse of Solutions Counseling:

- April distributed a flyer on the services they offer
- They primarily work with runaway teens and coordinate care with the families.

Jeanne Smith of Center for Healing Childhood Trauma:

- They offer treatment for child sexual abuse victims ages 3 to 17 years.
- They also have a Family Resource Center and offer a 40-hour curriculum parenting education class.

Jenny Mason of the Kinship Family Center:

- Jenny distributed a flyer on the upcoming Kinship Caregiver Conference they will be having on June 8th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Bernardino Hilton.
- The keynote speaker will be: Dr. Jerry Moe.
- There will be many very interesting workshops for caregivers to attend.

Notes:

- Looking to only have key speaker at each collaborative plus a local agency to present
- Brian Thomson will be presenting next month on the update of the Child Welfare Services Redesign.
- There was interest mentioned to have a staff person from New House, Inc. to come and speak at the June meeting.

6. **Next Meeting Date: June 15, 2004 9:00 am**
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Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Williams, Children's Network
High Desert Partnership for Kids Recording Secretary

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